

## EFFECTIVE

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## Subject(s)

### FOM 723, Educational Services

The Revised School Code allows for the foster care worker, either MDHHS or PAFC, to make the final decision on where a child in foster care attends school, either the school district of origin or the school district of residence.

Clarification about when a [DHS-942, School Notification and Records Release](#) form is to be sent to the school.

Education transportation should be set up in collaboration with the school district foster care liaison. MDHHS and the school district can assist with payment of transportation. Education transportation is now paid within MiSACWIS.

Clarification of how to approve taxi cab or Uber/Lyft drivers to provide education transportation.

Clarification of situations when MDHHS will not pay for education transportation.

The MDHHS-5732, School Transportation Plan Agreement, should be completed by the case worker and signed by the school district once transportation has been established. It is uploaded into MiSACWIS with the payment invoice once the payment is being made.

Link to [MDHHS-5732, School Transportation Plan Agreement](#).

Formal dispute resolution process established for situations when MDHHS and the school district cannot agree on a transportation plan or payment.

Each school district is required to have an established procedure plan to include how transportation is to be maintained for children in foster care so they can maintain their school of origin. MDHHS county directors or their designees should have input on this plan and be asked to review.

Timeframe added for online education exception requests. Requests must be approved or denied by MDHHS or PAFC director or designee within 2 weeks of receipt.

*Reason:* Every Student Succeeds Act, Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, PL 114-95, The Revised School Code, 1976 PA 451, and Clarification by the Office of Child Welfare Policy and Programs.

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